



# ANNUAL REPORT TO LEYBURN R.D. COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1946

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## 1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

AREA ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63613 ACRES
POPULATION ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6127
INHABITED HOUSES	...	...	...	...	...	...	2500
RATEABLE VALUE	...	...	...	...	...	...	£26106
PRODUCE OF 1D. RATE	...	...	...	...	...	...	£106

## 2. VITAL STATISTICS.

Births	Live Births	}	Legitimate	...	...	Male	64	Female	56	}	127
	Still Births		Illegitimate	...	...	3	4				
	Still Births	}	Legitimate	...	...	0	1	}	1		
	Illegitimate		...	...	0	0					
	Birth-rate per 1000, 2.7. Averages 19.										
Deaths			Deaths from Childbirth	}	Sepsis	0					
					Other causes	0					
Deaths under 1 year—Legitimate 3. Illegitimate 0—24 per 1000 births.											
,, from Measles						0					
,, from Whooping Cough						0					
,, from Diarrhoea, under 2 years						0					
,, from Diphtheria						0					

## 3. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Hospital Accommodation	A—Fever.	Arrangements exist with Richmond for the reception of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria Typhoid cases in their Hospitals under a Joint Hospital Board.
	Smallpox.	Arrangements exist with Darlington for the isolation and treatment of Smallpox.
	B—Hospital	accommodation for Tubercular, Maternity, Children & Orthopaedics falls within the purview of the County Council. Unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children in the area are dealt with under the new Poor Law.
Ambulances	AMBULANCES. Ambulances can be obtained from—	
	By subscribers, from Memorial Hospital, Darlington. Ambulances for infectious cases are sent from Richmond at the request of the M.O.H. The district needs an Ambulance. The district is to have an Ambulance jointly with Aysgarth R.D.	
Public Health Officers	The Officers of the District Council are a Medical Officer and a Sanitary Inspector, the latter, Mr. Sutton, being qualified and certificated.	
Nursing	There is a District Nurse at Leyburn, who supervises Leyburn, Barden, Bellerby & Spennithorne.	
	There is another at Preston, who visits Preston, Wensley, Redmire and Castle Bolton.	
	There is a District Nurse for Hunton, Patrick Brompton, Newton-le-Willows and Constable Burton.	
	There is a District Nurse at East Witton, who also serves Thornton Steward, Middleham and Coverdale.	
	The District Nurses act as Midwives.	
Laboratory Facilities	Free examination of Swabs and other pathological material at Emergency Laboratory, North-allerton. Sputum examined for tubercle at expense of County Council.	
	Free provision for Diphtheria anti-toxn.	
Bye-laws	Building Bye-laws have proved of value. There is a Town Planning Scheme.	
	The R.D. Council provide Diphtheria immunisation. Immunisation is offered to all through their own Doctor; the Council will pay 6/- each for each case immunised.	
	Immunisation is carried out at the Schools. About 90 per cent. of children are immunised.	
	Immunisation of children 1—5 is done for the County Council.	

4. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Water Supplies

The parishes of Leyburn, Middleham, Patrick Brompton, Harmby, Preston, Bellerby and part of Hunton, Carlton Highdale all have piped water supplies under the control of the Council. Several times the Leyburn supply at Cranehow Bottom failed to keep up with the demand, and the engine and the pump at Whipperdale were brought into use. It proved quite satisfactory. When the yield at Cranehow increased, the pumping ceased. This supply requires augmenting.

Patrick Brompton engine and pump continue to be difficult to maintain in working order.

Bellerby village supply again failed and Bedale R.D.C. had to use their electric pump to maintain the supply. No satisfactory arrangement with Bedale has been achieved.

The proposed Sowden Beck Water Scheme should satisfactorily water the parishes of East Witton, Finghall, Hutton Hang, Constable Burton, Thornton Steward, Spennithorne, Harmby, Leyburn, (part of) Wensley, Preston and West Witton. Hauxwell, Newton-le-Willows and Patrick Brompton are to be connected to the Bedale Trunk Main.

When all these proposed works are carried out the water supplies over the area should be in a satisfactory condition. This scheme halts but there is no obvious alternative.

Sewerage

Leyburn, Middleham, Castle Bolton, East Witton and Swinithwaite have stoneware sewers laid to sewage works. Sewers are a necessity in many more villages. The Council's engineer is getting out schemes for the whole district. Sewerage Schemes have been prepared for four more parishes, West Witton, Newton-le-Willows, Preston-under-Scar and Hunton.

Scavenging

The Council undertake the removal of house refuse in the parishes of Leyburn, Middleham, and house refuse and privy emptying in Arrathorne, Hunton and Hornby. A new tip has been acquired at Arrathorne. The tip at Middleham is unsuitable for the purpose. A new one will have to be found. A scavenging scheme covering almost the whole of the district has been prepared and a scavenging vehicle ordered. It is hoped that this scheme will become operative about June, 1947.

Rivers and Streams

Pollution of streams takes place at Carlton, Harmby, Bellerby, Hunton and West Witton. Sewage works are an urgent necessity in these villages. Housing presupposes water and sewage.

Camp Sites

There are no civilian camp sites in the area.

Sanitary Inspector

Details of inspections made and action taken.

	Inspections.	Informal Notices.		Statutory Notices.	
		Served.	Complied with.	Served.	Complied with.
Council's Works	645	—	—	—	—
Housing	495	10	4	2	—
Slaughterhouse	254	—	—	—	—
Dairies, Cowsheds	26	—	—	—	—
Public Health Acts	—	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1421	10	4	2	—

Disinfection

Infectious Disease. Prevention. Fumigation by Formulin was carried out at 13 premises during the year.

Bed Bugs

No Bug Infestations were reported during the year.

Fleas

An aged woman was found to be in a verminous state and was admitted in to the Leyburn Institution. All the furniture and bedding was treated with a D.D.T. solution.

Meat Inspections

Meat for the Leyburn and Aysgarth Districts continue to be killed at Leyburn Slaughterhouse under the control of the Ministry of Food. The Wensleydale Butchers' Association is responsible for the actual killing of the animals. Slaughtering of graded animals takes place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays of each week, other animals being sent in daily from farms. These are mainly animals that are ill or injured and are known as casualties. Many of these are obviously unfit for food but the Ministry allow them to be sent to the slaughterhouse. I receive complaints about the Slaughterhouse but do not find conditions bad.

Carded Animals.				Casualty Animals.				
Beasts	Sheep	Calves	Pigs	Beasts	Cows	Sheep	Calves	Pigs
533	3499	—	—	17	315	135	91	27

CONDEMNATIONS—

Total weight of meat and offals condemned,  
14 tons 11 cwts. 60½ lbs.

Approximateley one half of the milk cows sent into the Slaughterhouse as casualties are found to be suffering from tuberculosis.



**Milk** There are 397 registered cowkeepers in the area. Most of the milk produced is collected by the large dairies with depots in or near Leyburn. Producer retailers are not numerous, there are only 9.

**Schools** A feeding centre is being provided by the North Riding County Council at every village school within the district. Some of these centres will be without a wholesome piped water supply. These problems can only be adjusted when the proposed water schemes, now being prepared by the Council's engineer, are executed.

**Housing** 5. HOUSING.

*Housing Act, 1936—Overcrowding.*  
A survey of all the working class dwellings in the area has been commenced. The last survey of dwellings was taken in 1936 under the 1935 Overcrowding Act. Many more houses now overcrowded and may have fallen into disrepair during the war years. Landlords who have wished to carry out housing repairs have been reluctant to do so on account of having a building licence to obtain and the difficulty in obtaining materials. Improving the standard of the existing housing accommodation in the area will be a very protracted business. The erection of 34 houses (24 "AIREY" Prefabricated at Leyburn, 4 brick at Middleham and 6 brick at West Witton) is in progress. The Council's architect is preparing plans for approximately 200 more houses to be erected throughout the district. When this plan is completed, the housing situation will be greatly eased.

6. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

	Age—											Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
	1	1	2	3	4-5	10	15	20	35	45	55			
Small pox												Nil	Nil	Nil
Diphtheria						0		0	1	0		1	1	Nil
Scarlet	1	0	1	0	2	5	6	1	1	0	0	18	6	Nil
Puerperal												0	Nil	Nil
Pneumonia							1	1	1	1	0	4	Nil	Nil

**General** Measles : 13 cases notified. No vaccinations or Re-Vaccinations have been performed by M.O.H. Influenza, some Scarlet Fever and 2 Diphtheria occurred. 22 Whooping Cough.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

Cases notified—nil. Treated at home—nil. Vision impaired—nil.

TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFICATIONS.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Deaths	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	Non-Pulmonary F
AGE								
0—1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
10	...	...	0	0	...	...	...	...
15	0	...	...	...	...	...	0	...
20	...	...	...	0	...	0	1	...
25	1	2	...	...	0	0	1	...
35	...	...	...	1	0	...	...	...
45	...	2	...	...	0	0	...	...
55	...	...	...	1	0	2	...	...
64 up	0	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
	0	4	0	2	1	2	2	1

No action under the Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations, 1925, was required.  
Things requiring attention : Houses, Water, Sewage, Scavenging.

I am, yours obediently,  
GEORGE COCKCROFT.

